TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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August 6, 2003

Mr. Bill Morris Director of Corporate Planning & Development Piedmont Natural Gas Company 1915 Rexford Road Charlotte, NC 28233

Re: **Docket No. 03-00313** - Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of its Rates and Charges, the Approval of Revised Tariffs and the Approval of Revised Service Regulations

Dear Mr. Morris:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed April 29, 2003 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish an original and nine (9) copies of the information requested below. Please provide responses by August 13, 2003.

- 127. Provide corrected schedules for "Computation of Average Accumulated Depreciation" and "Computation of Average Accumulated Amortization." This request refers to Staff's previous conversation with Bill Morris.
- 128. State the Company's position regarding placing gas inventory within the PGA mechanism versus including it as a component of rate base.
- 129. Refer to the Company's working paper DIST-1. Explain GTI Funding in more detail, including the benefits to the customer.
- 130. Provide the calculation for the Company's annual inflation rate of 2.0%.

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If you have questions regarding this data request, please consult one of the Energy and Water Staff prior to responding.

Sincerely,

William H. Novak, Chief Energy and Water Division

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